Lauren Crane Statement in support of the Safe Climate Act September 25, 2007

Good morning. My name is Lauren Crane and I am a student at the University of Wisconsin.

I'm here this morning to register and speak in support of the Safe Climate Act. This bill is a real and quantifiable step towards a global warming solution in Wisconsin. Not only is it achievable, the Safe Climate Act will have a positive impact on Wisconsin's economy by employing home-grown technologies like biomass. Money we currently export to buy fuel from other states and countries could be much better spent here at home. Additionally, the Safe Climate Act will help America achieve energy independence and enrich our own industries rather than supporting oil-producing nations overseas.

But the reason I'm here is because I want Wisconsin to remain as it is – a state of natural beauty, outdoor recreation, and agricultural industry. And I want it to remain so not only in my own lifetime, but in my children's lifetimes as well. And this simple desire is truly at stake. That's all we're fighting for, really. The right to live in the Wisconsin we love, and show our children that same Wisconsin.

This is why I'm asking you to support the Safe Climate Act. So many of the things that make Wisconsin great are at risk and we cannot afford to wait any longer.



# **Conservation Notices of the Week**

Week of September 24, 2007 2007 -2008 Legislative Session

#### This Week's Notices:

Support SB 81: Wisconsin Safe Climate Act

Support CR 07-034: Regulating a Carcinogen

### **Support SB 81: Wisconsin Safe Climate Act**

The Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters urges you to support SB 81, which will have a public hearing in the Senate Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday.

The international scientific community continues to demonstrate the massive economic and environmental damage being caused by the human activities that emit greenhouse gases. In the absence of federal action, Wisconsin must do its part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

SB 81 requires the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. Other provisions in SB 81 include establishing a reporting system, allowing for the use of market mechanisms, such as permit trading, to achieve greenhouses gas emission reductions at least cost and creating an emergency provision to halt implementation of the regulation in the case of economic problems or catastrophic events.

### Support CR 07-034: Regulating a Carcinogen

The Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters urges you to support CR 07-034, which will have a public hearing and possible vote before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday.

The rule will regulate Alachlor ESA under the groundwater protections because it poses a threat to public health. Alachlor ESA is a by-product of the breakdown of Alachlor, a known carcinogen. A 2002 survey by DATCP found that 28% of wells in Wisconsin tested positive for Alachlor ESA, making it the most prevalent chemical in Wisconsin's groundwater. The rule has already been approved by the Department of Natural Resources Board.

Hello, my name is Jessica Helgesen and I am currently a freshman at University of Milwaukee studying Urban Planning with an Environmental emphasis. In my lifetime, I have notice severe changes in the climate, and quality of the air. As a child and teen I lived in Green Bay Wisconsin, which contains one of the dirtiest rivers, the Fox River. They have started a clean up on that river, but what about the air I breathe? Lately the air has progressively declined in quality. Now that I am in Milwaukee, it seems worse. This of course is because the size of the city, but it does not need to be this way. With simple tactics like encouraging walking, biking, carpooling, or having easy access to public transportation, and planting more trees to deplete the CO2 we as community can prevent global warming while improving our own personal health.

Lately the polar bears have been all over the news. The ice caps are melting. It is happening, and no one can deny it. Why should we deny it here in Wisconsin, when these events will soon affect us?

Now each person can make a difference. It is said that vegetarians, by not eating meat, can decrease the CO2 max down greatly, especially when cows are one of the largest methane contributors. But I am not here to preach to the people who love meat to change to a vegetarian lifestyle, I myself do not live this life. I choose not to eat a lot of meat, because for reasons these and other ethical reasons. But the real reason I say this is that it is extremely easy to make a difference. Not eating meat for one whole day does not take a lot of effort but can make a big comeback. Now imagine not driving your car for one day- a big comeback indeed.

As politicians you have the power to change how we live in Wisconsin. Pass the Senate Bill 81 and Assembly Bill 157, shrinking the CO2 emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020, and the citizens of Wisconsin will not only help stop global warming, but also help the air they breathe, and the environment they live in. You have the power to make not just a one-day effort, but also a lifetime of effort.

### 24 September 2007

Dear Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and Chairman Mark Miller,

As a business owner in Waukesha County, a home owner in Ozaukee County and a large track land owner in Door County I want to thank you for holding a hearing on the Safe Climate Act. I would like to ask for your leadership on one of the most pressing issues of our time. Global warming poses significant threats to Wisconsin's environment, economy, and public health. The time to act on human-induced global warming is now and needs to be one of your top priorities. Since 1990, Wisconsin's global warming pollution has increased 25% - much more than the national average.

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Lueder Finken 20160 W National Ave. New Berlin, WI 53146-4909 Dear Natural Resources Senate Committee,

I am writing this letter to encourage your support for the Wisconsin Safe Climate Act. I am a science teacher at Newman Catholic High School in Wausau, Wl. Students in my classes and in conservation club are deeply worried about their future. Scientists world-wide have a consensus on this issue. It is time to act.

I have seen the effects of climate change on the Arctic firsthand. I have spoken to native Alaskans in Nome about the changes in climate and the effects that have followed, such as coastal erosion due to heavy surf pounding the shore. There have been thunderstorms for the first time in perhaps thousands of years as there is no oral tradition of thunder or lightening in those cultures—thunderstorms are now not uncommon in the lower Arctic in summer. As part of a group of researchers aboard the USCSGC Healy in summer 2004, I helped collect data that will further our understanding of the carbon cycle in the Arctic Ocean. While we were on the ship for 35 days, we witnessed at least 9 separate baby walruses that had apparently been abandoned by their mothers. They were in water much too deep to dive and get food and they were still of an age that they would have been nursing. Sea ice is required for them to nurse as their mothers haul out on it. The sea ice is retreating so far from the coast that species need to adapt to this or become extinct—they are trapped.

Closer to home, ice fisherman, skiers, hunters, and snowmobilers are dealing with warmer and shorter winters. This directly affects our economy. Economically it makes no sense to postpone support of this bill.

Anyone listening to this letter or reading it who feels that we need to wait until science PROVES that climate change is being driven primarily by human activities does not understand the nature of science. Science does not prove anything. Science seeks to test hypotheses and results of studies either support or refute the hypotheses-never proving them. When enough observations and hypothesis tests support the same broad explanation, a theory is born. Climate change is nearing that point. Like atomic theory and evolution, it is happening.

Too much is at stake world-wide. Let's step up and do our part here in Wisconsin. Please vote to support this legislation.

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Sincerely,

Katie M. Sullivan 398 Mill St. Lake Geneva, WI 53147 September 20, 2007

Dear Chairperson Miller and my own legislators, Senator Roger Breske and Representative Dan Meyer,

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Second, I would like to explain to you why I am concerned about global warming. Recently in the news the European Space Agency announced that the Northwest Passage linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans that is normally ice-bound through the year is now navigable. This is one example of Global Warming and how it is progressing faster than expected. As a senior at UW-Green Bay, I can see global warming impacting this community in less snow fall each winter or large amounts of snowfall late in the winter months. These are all signs of global warming or global change and progress needs to be made to stop the effects and possibly reverse them.

I urge you to pass this bill through Committee and bring it to a prompt vote.

Thank you for your time,

Erica Teclaw 6644 West Emma Lane Rhinelander, WI 54501 September 20, 2007

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Thank you,

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web: www.cantilever.us em: cantilever@usa.com September 20, 2007

To our Wisconsin legislators:

We need to move ahead by reducing global warming gasses and we need to support our businesses and citizens by adopting the Safe Climate Act.

Thank you for your responsible and prompt action on this issue.

Rosalie Shier

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# Dear Rep. Miller

I strongly feel that we must act now and reduce our carbon dioxide. Global warming is not inevitable and we can make a vital difference if we take the action now. Please pass this bill through the committee, our future depends on it.

Thank you
Please respond
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1702 Western ave.
Green Bay, WI 54303

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Global warming is threatening Wisconsin's ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY & PUBLIC HEALTH.

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW.

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It is your job to protect the

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I'll do my part please do yours:

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Sincerely yours

Green By WI 5430)

PS: You did a great Job during the State Senate Health Care hearing back in March. Dear Sen. Miller

Please support SB81. We need a vote now! Global warming is an extremly serious issue that needs to be addressed now. This is a matter of public health that needs to be taken care of.

Thank you, Please respond

> Brent Walls 822 Pine st, #9 Green Bay, WI 54301

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I am writting to ask you to vote in favor of Bill 5B81.

Please Respond

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Sen Miller

I wage you to move SB81 forward. This legislation is of the interest importance to protecting our environment for our children and children's children. We have the opportunt to lead on this issue.

Wisconsin is known for I's beautiful onvironment.

Let's keep that tradition young. The environment is heading in the wrong direction. This is our apportunity to change this direction. I ask that you move this bill out of committee for a full floor vote.

Sincerely David Newman 3525 Glen Abbey LN Green By WI 54311 September 18, 2007

Dear Senate Environment and Natural Resource Committee Members,

If global warming is the emotionally acceptable motivator, the dark side is peak oil. Our polycon is almost totally subsidized by fossil carbon energy, esp. liquid fossil carbons. There are no replacements that scale to prevent a 6-8%-a shortfall between supply and demand. Supply has plateaued at about 84 M bbl-d for two-three years; demand continues to cruise at 2-2.5%+ per vear.

US Representative Roscoe Bartlett, (R-MD), is chair of the peak oil caucus there. He's a conservative Republican, but he's also a scientist. What he has to say about peak oil is articulate and authoritative. Please visit his web site.

Cutting fossil carbon emissons is required by historic meta forces. We've already lost 30 years. The issue now is how can civil order be preserved in the vast, manditory changes? E.g. If North America will be out of natural gas in 10 years, and people are not prepared, will police shoot citizens chain sawing municipal trees to burn for heat? Denial is not just a river in Egypt. Global warming addresses the problem, but is a sugar coat to the bitter pill of peak oil. Whatever it takes. We must get with it.

Regards,

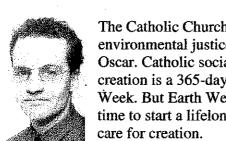
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### Stewards care for our environment

Catholic tradition insists that we show respect for the Creator's creation

#### By Br. Steve Herro, O.Praem.

"On a planet conflicted over environmental issues, the Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored" ("Sharing Catholic Social Teachings: Challenges and Directions," reflections of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1998).



Br. Steve Herro

The Catholic Church was an emphatic advocate on environmental justice before An Inconvenient Truth won an Oscar. Catholic social teaching reminds us that care of creation is a 365-day-a-year priority, not just in Earth Week. But Earth Week 2007 - April 16-22 - could be the time to start a lifelong commitment to Catholic Christian



### Stewardship

Stewardship: A Way of Life is the diocesan thrust. It invites Catholics to acknowledge that all of life is a gift of God and to respond through prayer, service and sharing. This series will look at ways to do that.

Earlier this month, a few parishioners and I met with Bp. David Zubik to discuss our commitment to care for creation. He asked us, "Why is this a burning issue for you?" We answered that our professional careers, advocacy for the poor, and attempt to lead a more sustainable life all drove us to respect the earth.

A close friend hit the nail on the head later that month. Patrick said care of creation must be a primary concern because our planet sustains all forms of life. If we do not preserve our land, air, and water, there will not be resources we and future generations need. We cannot have "life and dignity of the human person" without the clean water, air, food and soil humans need to subsist.

We have many sources of inspiration from church leaders.

Pope John Paul II called his 1990 message for the World Day of Peace, "Peace with God the Creator, Peace to All of Creation." He wrote, "In our day, there is a growing awareness that world peace is threatened not only by the arms race, regional conflicts and continued injustices among peoples and nations, but also by a lack of *due respect for nature*, by the plundering of natural resources and by a progressive decline in the quality of life. The sense of precariousness and insecurity that such a situation engenders is a seedbed for collective selfishness, disregard for others and dishonesty."

September 24, 2007

I cannot attend due to my work schedule but if I could this is what I would like to say:

"Global Warming is strikingly similar to the monumentous effort that a reluctant nation undertook in the face of WWII. We have ignored this War against global warming as long as we can Europe is already in the fight. It has been brought to our door by Katrina and other hurricanes, but personally by the droughts that have hit Wisconsin repeatedly. I do not need to be a trained climatologist to recognize that our summers are hotter than they were when I was a child.

Just like in WWII the win was made possible by all the support that backed up the big battles. The 'in our own backyard' events such as the scrape metal collections and the women taking over the factory jobs when the men left to fight. The momentum is picking up and we must start now. The faster we start fighting the less lives and economic disasters we face. No one can seriously dispute that WWII would not have been so horrific had we joined the fight before the Nazis had completed their march across Europe and the Japanese across the Pacific, or at least have been prepared when we were attached at Pearl Harbor."

Atty Natalie A. Manci Green Bay Resident and Business Owner Curt Andersen 2942 Jack Pine Lane Green Bay, WI 54313

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Honorable Senator Spencer Black

Dear Senator Black,

I hope I can convince you to provide real leadership on one of the most important issues of our time. As environmentalists, you and I know that global warming poses significant threats to Wisconsin's environment, economy, and public health. We must act NOW on human-induced global warming. Solving global warming must be a top priority of Wisconsin Legislature. Wisconsin needs to do its part to deal with this looming crisis. Since 1990, Wisconsin's global warming pollution has increased 25% - much more than the national average and certainly more than should ever be in a state as ordained by God as Wisconsin.

Everything that I love about Wisconsin is at risk if global warming continues. The natural diversity of Wisconsin's ecosystems, the abundant wildlife, our prairies, and our northern hardwood forests will all be altered by climate change, leading to more problems than gains.

Scientists forecast that climate change will dramatically and negatively affect precipitation in Wisconsin, diminishing groundwater, drying up small streams and wetlands, and lowering lake levels. Lake pollution will likely increase and fish populations, such as brook trout and brown trout, will fail. The Great Lakes will also be affected and are likely to be shallower and less able to sustain native aquatic life. The Great Lakes will also be less of a draw for those tourism dollars that so many Wisconsin businesses live by. We have enough trouble with the lousy economy as it is!

Wisconsin legislators must provide leadership by substantially reducing the amount of global warming pollution our state emits. We have the tools to do it. Wisconsin should take advantage of greater energy efficiency and conservation efforts, more home grown wind and solar power generation, more efficient appliances and industrial equipment, and cleaner vehicles - all things that are within reach. But these technologies need to be deployed quickly. Our most effective first step is to reduce our current use of fossil fuels. Taking action now will benefit our climate, health, economy and quality of life. Scientists say that we must reduce fossil fuel emissions. The key is to start now with concrete, achievable steps.

I urge you to co-sponsor SB 81/AB 157, the Wisconsin Safe Climate Act, which will develop a science-based plan to reduce Wisconsin's global warming emissions to 1990 levels. Given the importance of this issue, we also urge you to ask for a prompt vote on the bill, and for our sake, please don't let this happen over the next 30 years...that is such a sell-out to polluters.

Sincerely,

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9/25/07

I regret that I was unable to stay long enough this morning to give this testimony to the committee in person.

I am here as a person of faith, a Board Member of the Wisconsin Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign, and a member of Sustain Dane, to speak in support of SB 81, a bill to reduce our greenhouse gases.

I am a Unitarian Universalist, and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions touches on a number of Unitarian Universalist Principles.

+Respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part. We must reduce our carbon emissions, or there won't be a good future for any organism on this planet. We are already seeing extinctions due to changing climate.

+The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all—There is no justice in the fact that the pollution produced in the United States impacts on poor communities at home, or in other countries. The CO2 we produce has already affected the climate, with more severe storms and weather patterns that vary wildly from the norm. Lohachara Island, once home to 10,000 people is now completely under water.

+The inherent worth and dignity of every person—every person has a right to breath clean air and make an adequate living, regardless of who they are, how much money they make, or where they live. Right now, this is not a reality for many people.

+Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. Global warming is a social justice issue. It already affects poor people in all parts of the globe. It also affects all future generations (people who don't have a say in the conditions they inherit from us).

Please auction the carbon credits. Do not give them away by grandfathering industries at their current (polluting) emission levels. Make them pay for what they use, so that the cost of their product will reflect the true cost of producing it.

Please promote efficiency as the first line of defense. These are proven technologies that are available immediately.

Then promote alternative energy sources (solar, wind, geothermal, biomass). Solar hot water is very affordable. We installed a unit on our house in January 2006. With the Focus on Energy and Federal Tax rebates, it cost us about \$2500. Prior to installation, we were using about 12 therms per month. Now we use about 5.5 therms per month. That eliminates 60 pounds of CO2 a month. It saves us a little more than half of our natural gas cost each month. That will become more important as natural gas prices rise in the future.

We must turn this global warming super tanker around now. I urge you to adopt this bill so that my children will have a reasonable future.

Sincerely Judy Skog 626 Orchard Dr. Madison, WI 53711